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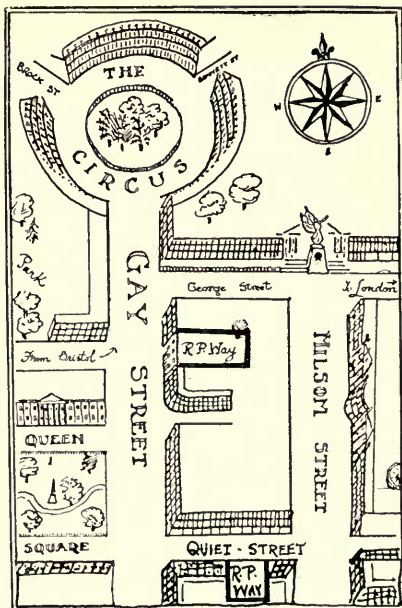
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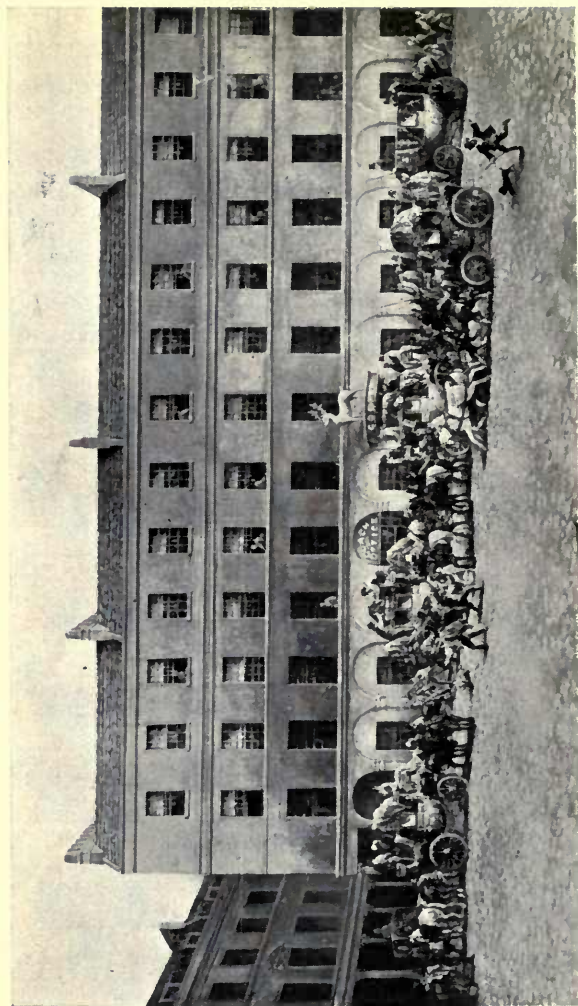
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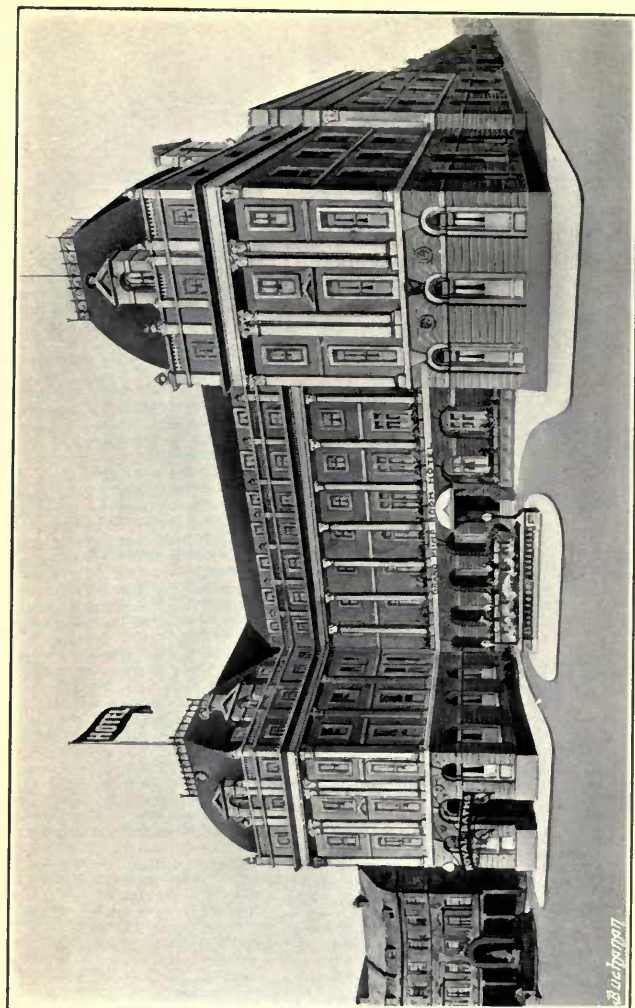
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The Grand Pump Room Hotel, Bath

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Bath

LOVERS of Dickens will be interested in the fact that the Grand Pump Room Hotel, Bath, stands upon the site of the famous Old White Hart Hotel, rich with historical associations, where Mr. Pickwick and his friends sojourned after the famous *Bardell v. Pickwick* case.

Pickwick is a fancy, the Old White Hart a memory, but the Grand Pump Room Hotel is a present-day reality. The Old White Hart is doubtless pleasanter in retrospect than in fact; the present establishment has all the conveniences and comfort of a modern hotel.

Standing in a commanding position, it is one of the landmarks of the Queen of the West.

Its position for visitors seeking curative treatment is truly ideal, for it adjoins, and practically forms part of, the Corporation Hot Mineral Bathing Establishments. It has communication thereto by an internal doorway and electric lift, visitors being thus enabled to approach the baths directly from their apartments, without traversing the public rooms. The conditions under which the patrons of the Grand Pump Room Hotel take their treatment are of inestimable advantage and are unique, inasmuch as no other hotel in the City is so happily situated in this respect. It is claimed that this direct access to the baths provides a greatly needed—indeed an essential feature of the cure. Hitherto, guests have been compelled to journey between their hotels and the baths through the open air, with the attendant risk of catching cold.

Included in the Bathing Establishment is a handsome Swimming Bath, to which access from the Hotel is also available without going into the street—a feature of great value.



The Drawing Room

It is important to note that the Baths are not underneath the hotel. The establishment for bathing is separate although adjoining.

The Hotel is the most up-to-date in the City—hot and cold water in Bedrooms—and is centrally heated. The public rooms are beautifully decorated ; there is a separate Dining Room for lady Nurses, where they receive the same fare as visitors themselves. If they wish to take their meals with their patients in the Dining Room, or use the Public Rooms, they must wear mufti. Very complete accommodation is provided for Visitors' Servants ; the Servants' Dining Room is on the ground floor and is superior to such accommodation usually afforded—adjoining is a comfortable Sitting-room.

The cuisine of the Hotel is a matter to which particular attention is devoted, while the medical dietary is a special feature of the establishment.

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APARTMENTS							
Single Bedroom	-	-	-	-	-From	7	6
Single Bedroom with communicating Bathroom	-	„				15	0
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Double Bedroom (two persons) with Communicating Bathroom	-	-	-	-	-	25	0
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Suites of Apartments—

Sitting Room, Single Bedroom, Bathroom and w.c.	-	-	-	-	-	35	0
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Sitting Room, Double Bedroom, Single Bedroom Bathroom and w.c.	-	-	-	-	-	52	6
Sitting Room, two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom and w.c.	-	-	-	-	-	63	0
Additional Bed in Bedroom	-	-	-	-	-	2	6

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Plain	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Table d'Hôte, as per daily Menu (from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.)	-	-	-	-	-	3	6

A LA CARTE to order.

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Table d'Hôte, as per daily Menu (from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.) 7 6

Including coffee served in Lounge. Service
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Meals served in Bedrooms charged extra. Breakfast, 1s.; Luncheon, 1s. 6d.; Dinner, 2s. No charge is made for Breakfast or Afternoon Tea served in Private Sitting Rooms. Luncheon and Dinner extra as above.

If desired a charge of 12s. 6d. per day for board is made for each Visitor, which includes Breakfast, Luncheon, Dinner, Afternoon Tea and Coffee after dinner, for a stay of not less than three days.

TEA.

Afternoon Tea with Cake, etc. - - - - 1 6

Tea, Coffee or Chocolate, per pot - - - - 0 6

To Visitors not taking meals in the Hotel, an additional charge will be made for Apartments.

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Interior of Downside Abbey, Stratton on the Fosse

FOREWORD

SOMEWHERE about the middle of the first century the health-loving Romans, attracted by the hot springs of Bath—the only natural hot springs in these islands, founded the great spa of Aquæ Sulis. For three hundred and fifty years or so Bath was the health and pleasure centre of Roman Britain. Fragments still remain of the temples to Sul, the goddess of the springs, and other deities, while the vast suite of Baths, excavated after being buried for centuries, constitute the finest Roman remains in Britain.

There is little to be seen of the Bath of mediæval times to which sick pilgrims from all England resorted for the healing waters, except the Abbey Church, its West Front, a representation in stone of the “Jacob’s ladder dream” of Bishop Oliver King, who rebuilt the church in 1499.

Bath is essentially an eighteenth-century city. A happy combination of circumstances in the first half of the eighteenth century changed an undistinguished provincial town into what Macaulay described as “that beautiful City which charms even eyes familiar with the work of Bramante and Palladio.” The genius of John Wood, the young architect brought to Bath by Ralph Allen, the far-sighted and wealthy man of business, the proximity of a building material so peculiarly suitable for the Georgian style of architecture as Bath stone, and the growing popularity of Bath as the resort of fashion under the leadership of Beau Nash, all played their part in bringing into being the beautiful city we see to-day.

Bath has touched English history, and especially English literature, at so many places that everyone seems to find, somewhere in the city’s story, some point of personal appeal. On many of the houses once occupied by notable men and women of the past the Corporation has placed mural tablets, and the pleasure of strolling through the old-world streets is immeasurably enhanced by the thoughts

and visions awakened by these bronze records of the many people famous in literature, art and science who have made Bath their home.

But Bath is not only an antiquarian treasure house, a literary shrine, and a scientifically administered modern health resort. In the provision of entertainment of the best kind this beautiful city will compare favourably with any spa in Britain. Not only is there entertainment for those coming for treatment, but friends and the younger members of the family will find ample provision for their amusement and enjoyment. The Pump Room Concerts, established by Beau Nash in 1704 were never more vigorous than at present, and symphony and chamber concerts, vocal and instrumental recitals, music, drama, lectures and dances follow one another in rapid succession throughout the winter season. In the summer time—for Bath has an all-the-year-round season—the music is transferred to the open air, and one or other of the famous bands of the British Army may always be heard. Garden dances, glee singers and other vocalists, occasional pastoral plays, firework displays, big choral concerts, etc., supplement the bands and provide enjoyable variety.

The Theatre Royal, historic in the annals of the stage, the Palace Theatre, and the various Picture Theatres, provide respectively first-class dramatic, variety and cinematograph programmes. The Assembly Rooms, built in 1771, with their Dickensian associations, are still a popular entertainment centre.

Bath is rich in Parks and Gardens. In the Royal Victoria Park is one of the finest collections of trees in the kingdom, and the Botanic Gardens contain many interesting plants. The Sydney Gardens, the favourite resort in the eighteenth century, still form the venue of open-air concerts and entertainments; a replica of the Roman Temple of Minerva is a picturesque feature of the Gardens; while in the centre of the city are the Institution Gardens, where during the summer season the mineral water is served at the Colonnade fountain for drinking in the open air, while the band plays during the morning drinking hour.

Ample provision is made for sport. Bowling greens, hard and grass tennis courts, and putting courses are in the public parks, the chief centre being the Royal Victoria Park. There are three excellent golf courses on the high tablelands of Lansdown, Hampton Down and Kingsdown.

In its shops, which are exceptionally attractive and reasonable in their charges, Bath possesses another valuable asset and evidence of the city's high-class residential character, and its position as a health and pleasure resort may be seen. The streets of the most fashionable shopping area centre around Milsom Street, which has well been styled "the Bond Street of the West."

For antique furniture, silver and other objects of art Bath has a world-wide reputation. In no city are there more reliable dealers in such things, and at few places can such extensive collections be seen.

Bath has given its name to Bath Buns, Bath Olivers and other delicacies of which every season thousands of boxes are sent away by visitors to their friends.

For a city of its size Bath is unusually well supplied with Museums and Art Galleries. The Victoria Art Gallery, the property of the city, contains a representative collection and an interesting series of works by Bath artists, including Thomas Barker (Barker of Bath), Joseph Horler and others. The City Reference Library includes many early printed works and a valuable collection of Napoleonic literature, as well as an exceptionally complete library of local works. In the Museum of the Literary Institution is an extensive ornithological collection, and the celebrated Moore collection of fossils; the Holburne Museum, a handsome old Georgian building at the end of Pulteney Street, contains a particularly fine collection of china, glass, plate, pictures and other objects of art.

There is not space here to give any detailed description of the Bathing Establishment, where the hot mineral springs (the source of Bath's fame, indeed the very origin of the city itself) are administered. Here in this great establishment by every means which modern medical

science can devise the radio-active mineral waters are applied with marked success in the treatment of rheumatism and other diseases. The establishment consists of three main blocks of buildings—the Queen's Baths, the Royal Baths and the Old Royal Baths. In the completeness of its balneotherapeutic equipment and the provision for the comfort of those taking the cure Bath is unexcelled by any spa in the world. The Baths may be viewed between 2.15 and 3 o'clock, when visitors have an opportunity of seeing the many forms of mineral water treatment and the various electrical methods which are employed in conjunction with the baths.

Guests of the Grand Pump Room Hotel have the privilege of direct access to the Bathing Establishment.

The waters are served for drinking in the historic eighteenth-century Pump Room, the meeting-place of all who come to Bath whether for the cure or merely for the pleasure of a holiday.

Here it is not possible to say more than a word about Bath as a motoring centre. For this purpose few places offer greater advantages. Within an easy run is Wells, with its beautiful Early English Cathedral and the moated Bishop's Palace. A few miles away lie the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey; Bristol, "the gateway of the West," is only eleven miles away. Over the Mendip Hills is the great limestone Gorge of Cheddar, the most impressive thing of its kind in Britain. In the other direction, across Salisbury Plain, lie Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral. Still nearer at hand are lovely spots like Castle Combe, the fifteenth-century village of Lacock, and the mediæval tithe barn and Saxon Church of Bradford-on-Avon, while on all sides is the true English beauty of the hills and combes of the West Country.

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Stonehenge

TOURS

ONE DAY TOUR (90 miles)—I

MILEAGE			
		INTERMEDIATE	FROM BATH
BATH TO FRESHFORD -	-	—	5
BECKINGTON -	-	7	12
WARMINSTER -	-	7	19
SALISBURY -	-	21	40
STONEHENGE -	-	9	49
TILSHEAD -	-	7	56
DEVIZES -	-	15	71
MELKSHAM -	-	7	78
BATH -	-	12	90

This tour includes the contrasting beauty of wooded hills and pastoral downs and also the ancient unsolved mysteries of Stonehenge.

FRESHFORD.—A typical Somerset village, the Manor House of which once belonged to the Priory of Hinton Charterhouse.

BECKINGTON.—An old-fashioned village, once famous for its cloth and renowned for its beautiful Perpendicular and Norman Church, containing, among other archæological features, squints and piscinas in the sanctuary and south aisle.

HINTON ABBEY, one mile from Freshford, is an ancient Manor House with ruins of a thirteenth-century Carthusian Priory adjacent. It is superbly situated between parks and venerable trees, in fact, no better taste could have been evinced than that shown by these ancient friars for their object of meditation and prayer far from the world's distractions.

IFORD GARDENS.—Two and a half miles from Freshford, these grounds of Iford Manor are a perfect combination of horticultural and architectural beauty.

WARMINSTER.—An ancient market town possessing an early fourteenth-century church skilfully rebuilt in parts. Its situation on the Wylde watershed at the edge of the downs accounts for its ancient importance. Arn Hill with its beautiful woods should on no account be missed, while the antiquary can investigate many prehistoric barrows in the neighbourhood.

SALISBURY.—Here the many old houses and inns form a natural setting for the Cathedral, one of the most perfect Gothic churches in Europe, the spire of which is over 400 feet in height. Such local sights as the Museum and a fifteenth-century Poultry Cross should not be missed and the visitor strolling along its ancient ways will enjoy the many water views, no fewer than five rivers intersecting the city.

STONEHENGE.—The mysteries of Stonehenge, with the gruesome suggestion of human sacrifice, are probably co-existent with the ancient Maya civilization of Central America. Whilst the mysterious stone circles were also used in Druidic worship, their origin antedated the Druids by thousands of years and were almost certainly erected in Neolithic times.

TILSHEAD.—This old village of tiny thatched cottages and a spacious Norman Church causes interesting sociological problems to modern students.

DEVIZES.—The quaint old houses and alleys, the ancient Bear Inn, all contrast pleasantly with cheese and other factories in this busy market town. The remains of Devizes Castle recall the Norman Conquest, and the two fine churches with Norman vaulted choirs are also supposed to have been created by Bishop Roger in that period. The Market Cross bears on the east panel a remarkable inscription testifying to the fate of a local "Sapphira" in 1753.

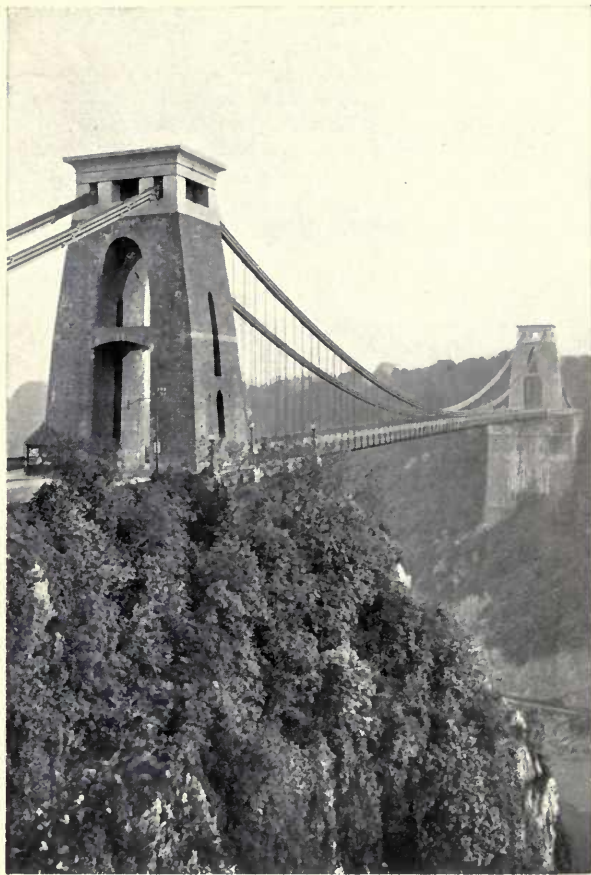
MELKSHAM.—Another interesting market town on the Bristol Avon, with rope and rubber works, dairies and iron foundries, an interesting church and a fourteenth-century barn.

BOX acquired its peculiar name from its box trees. The large quarries of Bath stone have furnished many churches with their product and have indeed a "Cathedral" cut out of the rock in their miles of acreage. From here to Bath, six miles, the lovely Avon Valley scenery forms a fitting and restful close to a perfect day.

ONE DAY TOUR (75 miles)—2

MILEAGE			
	INTERMEDIATE	FROM BATH	
BATH TO BRISTOL - -	—		13
CLIFTON - -	2		15
PORTISHEAD - -	8		23
CLEVEDON - -	6		29
WESTON-SUPER-MARE	14		43
BLAGDON - -	12		55
WEST HARPTREE -	4		59
STOWEY - -	4		63
NEWTON ST. LOE	9		72
BATH - - -	3		75

BRISTOL.—This, one of the most important commercial seaports in the country, unlike others, contains a number of interesting archæological and historical features, such as the Cabot Tower, Cathedral, the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe, the University, etc. The Cabot Tower, commanding a splendid view of the Avon River and Estuary, West Somerset coast and hinterland, celebrates the discovery of Labrador and North America by Sebastian Cabot, the English adventurer and his father, a Venetian.



Clifton Suspension Bridge

CLIFTON.—From Clifton Downs, the view of the Avon Gorge is reminiscent of similar scenery in the Rocky Mountains and other scenic wonders abroad. The sides of the Gorge, at times a sheer drop of 250 feet, at others a steep declivity embellished with flowering shrubs and stalwart trees, are magnified in beauty by the graceful Suspension Bridge towering 300 feet above the water.

PORTISHEAD.—A pleasant little seaport, and growing in favour as a residential town and seaside resort. Rich in the finest quality of clay beds, Portishead supplies Bristol with large quantities of tiles and bricks.

CLEVEDON.—This town combines the popularity of a seaside resort with the benefits of a winter resort for invalids. Wooded hills and a rugged coast line are its scenic features. Clevedon Court, a mediæval manor house dating back to the fourteenth century, is admirably supported in its architectural beauty by the rising wooded background.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—The 3-mile beach, the 2½-mile promenade, fine piers, etc., have all combined to make Weston-super-Mare one of the most popular modern seaside resorts. Worlebury Hill, on its western end, possesses a remarkable prehistoric encampment, with what were probably pit dwellings of our ancestors.

BLAGDON.—This little village on the Mendip foothills overlooks Blagdon Lake, important as a Bristol water supply, and delightful to the followers of Izaak Walton.

WEST HARPTREE.—The lover of old trees will immediately visit the churchyard where seven large conical yew trees will prove worthy of admiration. Opposite the church is Gourney Manor, an unusually fine specimen of Jacobean architecture.



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STOWEY.—This small parish has a correspondingly small but interesting church. Its windows are of widely varying sizes, a small one in the south wall originally having been the south door. Sutton Court, nearby, dates, in parts, from Edward II, and other parts from the later Tudor period.

NEWTON ST. LOE.—This little village, prettily situated on a hill-top, gives us an enthralling glimpse of the Avon and the splendid woods of Newton Park. The church bears proof of much restorative work, but the south shows the original decorative arch and a squint. The chalice dated 1555 should not be missed.

ONE DAY TOUR (84 miles)—3

MILEAGE			
		INTERMEDIATE	FROM BATH
BATH TO OLD SODBURY	-	—	11
NAILSWORTH	-	14	25
STROUD	-	4	29
PAINSWICK	-	3	32
BIRDLIP	-	7	39
CIRENCESTER	-	10	49
CRUDWELL	-	8	57
MALMESBURY	-	4	61
CHIPPENHAM	-	10	71
BOX	-	7	78
BATH	-	6	84

OLD SODBURY.—This old-time village contains an interesting rebuilt church with effigies, and nearby towards Chipping Sodbury, an ancient market town, are the remains of British and Roman camps on the neighbouring hills.

NAILSWORTH.—No more beautiful situation can be imagined than is possessed by this little residential town which occupies both sides of a charming valley,

whose sylvan beauty is much enhanced by the varied colouring of its many woods.

STROUD.—Beside being the busy market centre for an extensive area of the Cotswolds, Stroud lies in the midst of an enchanting variety of scenery. Deep valleys, downs and high hills abound, from the last of which views can be obtained of the Black Mountains of Central Wales. Its picturesque mills are famous for their broadcloth.

PAINSWICK—"Queen of the Cotswolds," is by no means an exaggerated term for this perfect grey stone town. Its churchyard is famous for the rows of trimmed yew trees, whilst just outside is one of the only two "spectacle" stocks in England.

BIRDLIP.—For a scenic panorama of unsurpassing beauty this little village has no superior and few equals in England. Situated on a high spur of the Cotswolds, the densely wooded slopes falling away to the Severn Valley, the City of Gloucester nine miles away and beneath us, with range after range of the Welsh mountains in the distance, one feels reluctant to leave and second visits are many.

CIRENCESTER.—One of the most important of Roman towns and under their rule named Corinium, Cirencester is aptly approached from Birdlip along the old Roman Ermine Street. Its many attractions in antiquities, museums, ancient hospital, etc., are all dwarfed by the magnificent and stately old church, larger and older than many cathedrals.

Fine wall paintings, wonderfully old stained glass, beautifully carved wood and even embroidery hundreds of years old: these with brasses and church plate are full testimony to the religious devotion in this locality in centuries past.

CRUDWELL.—This little village has an interesting old church with much of interest in the way of glass and bench-ends.

MALMESBURY.—The world-famous old Abbey dating back to the sixth century contains what is said to be King Athelstane's altar-tomb. The old Green Dragon Inn and quaint almshouses are also interesting features of this ancient market town.

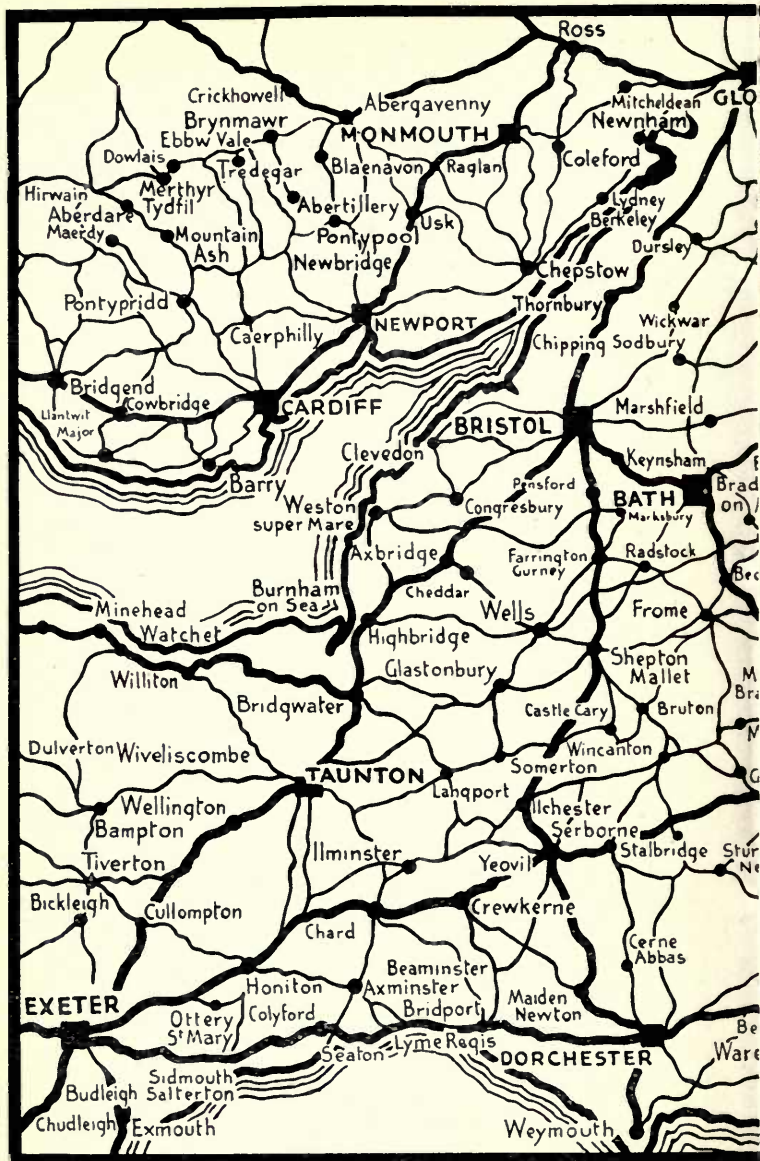
CHIPPENHAM.—Well over a thousand years ago this little Wiltshire town celebrated a royal wedding when the King of Mercia married King Alfred's sister. Nowadays it is justly famous for its cheese and bacon, whilst broadcloth mills, tanneries, etc., add to the town's prosperity.

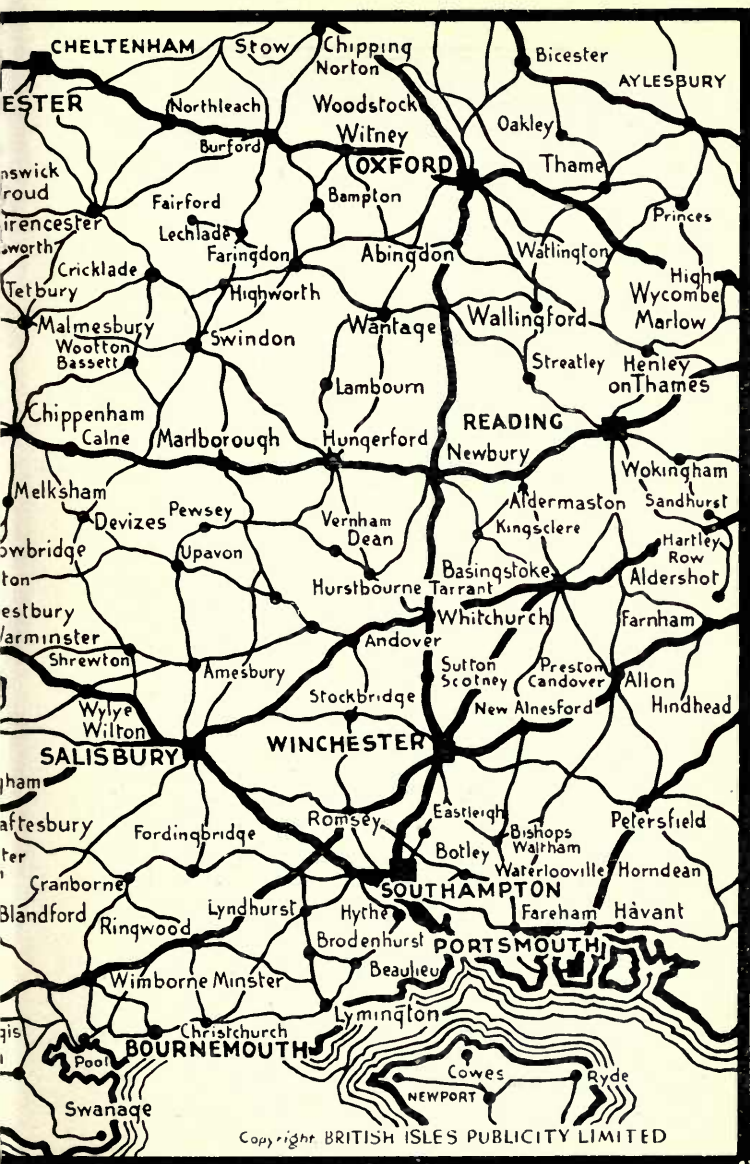
LACOCK ABBEY.—A short detour from the highway brings us to one of the loveliest little towns in the Avon meadows—Lacock. The Abbey was an important Nunnery in the thirteenth century and retains most of its wonderful architectural beauty.

HALF DAY TOUR (50 miles)—4

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	RADSTOCK - -	6	42
	BATH - - -	8	50

ENGLISHCOMBE.—An ancient Plantagenet outpost on the Welsh borderline, this village could tell many tales of savage and barbaric warfare. Besides an interesting Norman church, Englishcombe possesses, for antiquarians, a specimen of the remains of the 80-mile earthwork called the Wansdyke, whose origin still remains a mystery, dating back well over a thousand years.





TIMSBURY.—A colliery village standing, however, on high ground in attractive surroundings and with a pretty view overlooking Camerton.

HINTON BLEWETT.—This village, also at a fair elevation, has a fine view of the Mendip Hills and, for the experienced traveller, possesses that quality of peaceful seclusion only found off the beaten track.

EAST HARPTREE.—One of the most interesting of Mendip villages, East Harptree combines great natural beauty with the remains of a brigand castle and a deep and awe-inspiring cavern. Richmond Castle and its owner, William de Harptree, were captured by King Stephen in 1138, the countryside being relieved of the outrages caused by this type of Norman Baron. The cavern, Lamb's Lair, is of great size and is entered by a vertical shaft of unusual depth.

BLAGDON is described in Tour 2.

BURRINGTON.—This tiny village lies at the mouth of its celebrated Combe, one of the most beautiful glens or ravines and quite comparable in picturesqueness with Cheddar. Like the latter gorge, it has many notable caverns, "Goatchurch" and "Adeline's Hole" being notable. Burrington Ham, a Roman Camp, is strategically situated on a hill commanding the Combe.

CHEWTON MENDIP.—This hamlet, situated in typical Mendip scenery, is noted for its church which takes the eye from a distance owing to its stately tower. We cannot go at length into its numerous features of interest, but must mention a frid stool—the only extant specimen in Somerset—in the chancel. This rough seat, let into the north window of the sacrarium, was for the accommodation of anyone claiming sanctuary.

RADSTOCK.—Called the metropolis of the Somerset coalfields, and lying in a deep valley surrounded by coal pits, it throws out long rows of cottages up the hillsides. The church, added to from century to century, has a curious bas-relief on the east wall of the South porch. This depicts Mary and the Babe on one side and the Crucifixion on the other.

WORCESTER (135 miles)—5

Route.—BATH, NAILSWORTH, GLOUCESTER, TETBURY, MALVERN, WORCESTER. *Return :* TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTER, STONEHOUSE, NAILSWORTH, BATH.

GLOUCESTER is, of course, celebrated far and wide for its Cathedral ; not only one of the oldest and most magnificent edifices in England, containing innumerable features of interest in the way of shrines, etc., but the possessor of the most beautiful cloisters.

The Fleece Hotel must on no account be missed, as outside its antique mementoes of many hundred years back, its underground Saloon Bar, at one time the abode of jolly friars and monks, still contains a confessional box, perchance in much demand after sack and old ale had been merrily partaken of !

MALVERN has a proud name as a city of culture ; whilst as a Spa, due both to its waters and mild climate, the medical profession all over England pay tribute. Its famous College probably owes its beginnings to the combination of culture and climate, coupled with the really beautiful scenery amidst which it stands.

WORCESTER.—Like Malvern, this city is within easy distance of many battlefields, and one ponders, when in the vicinity of the oak that sheltered King Charles II from his Parliamentary foes, what the effect on England's history would have been if a branch had broken and the Stuarts never regained the throne.

The Cathedral, cast among delightful river and suburban scenery, calls for admiration, while an agriculturist will envy the fertility of the surrounding country producing such rich crops, amongst which fruit predominates.

TEWKESBURY was the scene of the last battle of the Wars of the Roses in 1471, and an hour or two spent in the quaint old town set amongst purling rivers—both Severn and Avon being adjacent—and the greenest meadowland makes one marvel at the lunacy of so bloodying such surroundings.

The Abbey is renowned for its beauty, and its importance, historically, can be imagined when one realizes that it has had intimate connections with the famous since the eleventh century. Tewkesbury's many old timbered houses include inns such as the Olde Black Beare, dating from 1422.

FROME & CORFE CASTLE (150 miles)—6

Route.—BATH, FROME, WINCANTON, HENSTRIDGE, SHIL-LINGSTONE, BLANDFORD, CORFE CASTLE, SWANAGE, WAREHAM, SHAFTESBURY, GILLINGHAM, FROME, BATH.

FROME, set in the pretty East Somerset country, is remarkable for its steep, quaint streets, Cheap Street being especially notable.

Its church is—unlike many—far more imposing from within than without, and dates back in a bewildering variety of styles to about 1145 A.D. Additions through the centuries were named after St. Andrew, St. Nicholas and St. John, while it is believed that St. Aldhelm was responsible for the initial building.

HENSTRIDGE furnishes a laughable example of the old adage, "From the sublime to the ridiculous." Its church has a wonderfully interesting tomb about 500 years old, with an overhanging canopy, as well

as many other archæological features. The Virginia Inn is supposed to be where Sir Walter Raleigh's servant threw a flagon of ale over the explorer and his pipe to put the fire out.

WAREHAM shows many signs of the savage wars that were waged near England's coast-line a thousand years ago. Saxons and Romans, Danes and Angles, all fought around here, unknowingly, that England might live.

CORFE CASTLE gave its name to the little village nestling at the foot of its ruins, old and picturesque, seeming to say to its progenitor, you and your evil deeds are curst and dead while goodwill and peace herein live on. Edward the Martyr was murdered here by his stepmother's orders, and its strategic safety and inaccessibility caused it to be used as a prison for royalties, a tomb and a torture chamber for lesser notabilities.

SWANAGE, six miles away, is a delightful little seaport with lovely coast scenery and has a natural pride in its pillar recording the sea fight in the bay when Alfred the Great defeated the Danes in 877.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON (140 miles)—7

Route.—BATH, STROUD, CHELTENHAM, EVESHAM, STRATFORD-ON-AVON, CIRENCESTER, MALMESBURY, BATH.

CHELTENHAM resembles Malvern in its possession of much leading to the social amenities. It has a well-deserved reputation for educational standards, particularly for the fair sex ; its mild climate makes it a favoured residential abode for Empire builders accustomed to fierce heat in India, Africa, etc., and the absence of factories and their accompanying nuisances of smoke and noise cause many wealthy visitors and literary lions to settle down for life in its vicinity.



St. Martin's Church, Wareham (*Interior*)



The Beaufort Hunt in Savernake Forest

EVEESHAM, famous for the battle in 1265, is widely known for its wonderful orchard products, many of the plum varieties being held supreme for size and flavour. Eagwin, the Benedictine Bishop, built the old Abbey and even 1200 years have failed to efface all traces; many interesting remains still existing. The Bell Tower, built 700 years ago and rebuilt 200 years later, looms high above the churchyard and is well worth a visit.

STRATFORD has a world of interesting features, historical and archæological, quite apart from its Shakespearean associations, but naturally the latter overshadow all else. The great dramatist's birth-place and the Memorial Theatre with his personal souvenirs have been visited by millions anxious to pay homage to the wonder intellect, and yet Stratford has much to show the visitor.

Old almshouses, ancient ruins, the loveliness of the Avon and its surroundings, all have their fascinations and but few Americans leave without seeing Harvard House, built by the grandfather of the founder of Harvard University, the oldest and in many ways the most widely known University in the United States.

SALISBURY and THE NEW FOREST (140 miles)—8

Route.—BATH, FROME, STOURTON, FONTHILL ABBEY, CHILMARK, WILTON, SALISBURY, DOWNTON, LYNTHURST, BROOK, LANDFORD, BATH.

STOURTON, in the extreme West of Wiltshire, can truly be called one of the beauty spots of England. Situated in the gloriously wooded valley near the Stourhead Estate, one passes from unassisted Nature at her loveliest to the same Dame Nature cunningly assisted and developed by the artificial help of Genus Homo. Stourhead Mansion holds a fine collection of pictures

and old artistic furniture, whilst the grounds with giant oaks and lake, classic temples and statuary, combine pleasingly with wonderful floral beds.

WILTON, while being the ancient capital of Wiltshire and famous in Saxon history, is chiefly known by its carpets of that name, one of the first industries of its kind in England. Wilton House, belonging to the Earl of Pembroke, has the beauty of its stately woods enhanced by the dappled deer which, bounding from the shady coverts, suddenly surprise the visitor.

LYNDHURST is a natural centre of New Forest exploration and in contradistinction its church possesses comparatively modern works of art in the shape of a beautiful painting of the Ten Virgins by Lord Leighton and two stained glass windows by Sir Edward Burne-Jones. The New Forest, a strange misnomer in these days for a royal demesne established by William the Conqueror 850 years ago, has never lost its pristine wildness, and amongst its regal oaks and silent glades one can imagine the aurochs and bear present, whilst the badger and other smaller wild animals are still existent. The stringent penalties invoked by the King on the slayer of deer, either death or the right arm cut off, were repercussive when his son, William Rufus, was assassinated by an arrow which otherwise might have brought down a noble stag. The well-known Rufus Stone commemorating the event is not far from Brook.

SAVERNAKE FOREST AND MARLBOROUGH (80 miles)—9

Route.—BATH, LACOCK, SPYE PARK, CALNE, CHERHILL, AVEBURY, MARLBOROUGH, SAVERNAKE FOREST, DEVIZES AND BATH.

This tour for many miles is a marvellous exhibition of the Avon Valley scenery which has made Bath famous. Through Box and Bowden Park, Calne and Cherhill we

pass, varying gradually to Wiltshire Downs effects, until Avebury is reached. This little village has a fine church bearing traces from century to century back of one style after another until we reach the Norman and Saxon periods. But what is a thousand years? one says, when the ancient stone circles are reached. These Neolithic stones, far more ancient than Stonehenge, may reach ten or even twenty thousand years backward. When one contemplates the engineering work required to erect the outer circle of 100 monoliths from twelve to twenty feet in height, and realizes that these ancient ancestors of ours were supposed to be little better than brute beasts, we are faced with contradictions so baffling as to be insoluble.

MARLBOROUGH derives much fame from its great school situated on the site where its ancient castle stood. The Town Hall, Market House, and St. Mary's Church are all of interest, the latter possessing some especially curious gargoyles. Isaac Walton coaxed many a fine trout from the Kennet River here, and the important racing establishments of Beck-hampton, Foxhill, Ogbourne and Manton have also planned their "killings" nearby.

SAVERNAKE FOREST, with an acreage of several square miles, contains some of the finest beech trees in the country, and while neither so large or wild, has many supporters in its claim to priority of beauty over the New Forest. The Marquess of Aylesbury's residence in its centre has an outlook exceeded in loveliness by few ducal palaces.

CHEDDAR GORGE (65 miles)—10

Route.—MARKSBURY, CHEWTON MENDIP, CHEDDAR GORGE, WEDMORE, GLASTONBURY, WELLS, RADSTOCK, BATH.

The road to Cheddar lies through prevailing lovely "Zummerzet" country and villages, old and quaint, each with its own peculiar interest, whether to antiquarian or histologists.

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The cream of interest must, however, be awarded to the natural wonders of Cheddar Gorge, along which one can slowly drive, awestruck by its sombre grandeur. Immense boulders tower above us to a height of several hundred feet and imagination runs riot as to whether some gigantic convulsion of nature or milder geological catastrophe were the cause. To obtain the perfect and lasting impression of this scenic marvel it should be viewed from half way up by skilful climbing and from the top looking down. The caves running far into the sides are improved by modern science in the electric lighting ; the stalactites and stalagmites, coloured like the rainbow, shimmer and sparkle like every variety of precious stones. Wedmore, possessing a fine church, with notable brasses, paintings and woodwork, is yet more famous for its peaceful settlement after the Battle of Ethandune made between King Alfred and Guthrum the Dane.

GLASTONBURY is known to the Christian world by the legend of the flowering thorn which sprang from the staff of St. Joseph of Arimathea. This notable explorer and missionary is supposed to have been sent by St. Philip in 63 A.D. The Abbey ruins are both grand and stately in their decay, and the monks' cemetery is supposed to have been the burial place of King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, Edmund the Elder and various of the Saints, including St. Patrick. Wells is famous for its Cathedral, without any doubt one of the most beautiful in Europe. Much of the West Front is at least 700 years old and the sculpture, carvings and religious effigies have earned the admiration of artists and critics from all over the world.

OXFORD & WOODSTOCK (135 miles)—11

Route.—BATH, TETBURY, CIRENCESTER, BIBURY, MANSTER LOVELL, WOODSTOCK, OXFORD, SWINDON, WOOTTON BASSETT, BATH.

BIBURY is a village which may aptly be termed a gem of

beauty. After leaving the Cotswolds, with a major form of loveliness, one realizes how entrancing a mere miniature can be. Standing on the River Coln, crossed by several rustic bridges, each turn and twist reveals another beauty spot. The church exhibits a variety of architecture from Saxon to Perpendicular, and a fine old Manor House and picturesque cottages complete a picture of rural English beauty that one hopes will never pass away.

WOODSTOCK was always a favourite resort of the English Kings from King Alfred on. No one can question the taste of Henry II in selecting such a lovely setting for his love romance with Fair Rosamund, but whilst the palace was still in use in Queen Elizabeth's reign, it fell into ruin after the Civil War. The devotion of Queen Anne to the Churchills, coupled with Sir John Churchill's great victory at Blenheim, caused a complaisant Parliament to spend £250,000 on the building of the present Blenheim Palace and grounds, but it would be idle to deny that the Park laid out by "Capability Brown" is possessed of far more beauty than the Palace.

OXFORD.—No one can attempt a description of Oxford except to sum it up as a veritable treasure house of literature and learning, rich in history and wealthy in romance. A visit to the Bodleian Library gives one at least a sense of overwhelming ignorance, which is accentuated by the Ashmolean Museum with its vista of historical treasures reaching back to King Alfred's jewels. "The High," one of the finest streets in the world; "The Mitre," a five-hundred-year old hostelry; the exquisite Cathedral of Christ Church and the beautiful dignity of the various Colleges hold us speechless with admiration and determined at some future date to spend a few weeks in the noblest atmosphere on earth.

TORQUAY (208 miles)—12

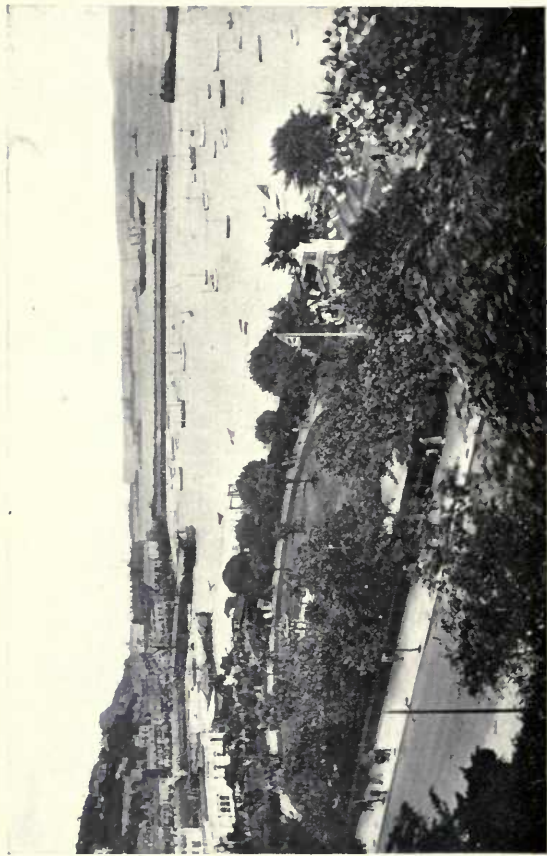
Route.—BATH, WELLS, GLASTONBURY, TAUNTON, EXETER, DAWLISH, TEIGNMOUTH, TORQUAY, HONITON, ILCHESTER AND BATH.

WELLS AND GLASTONBURY have been described in previous tours, but how often does human frailty remember of famous places such as these that some features especially recommended were omitted. Now is the time for the adjustment of such errors.

TAUNTON, while containing all the amenities of an important up-to-date county town of 25,000 population, has authenticated links with the historic past dating back over 700 years, whilst urns containing Roman coins found in the vicinity suggest an occupation of this district 2000 years old and probably vacated when Rome, in peril in the Dark Ages, called her troops home. St. Margaret's Hospital was founded in 1174 and the Castle recalls memories of the infamous Judge Jeffreys and his "Bloody Assizes" after the Battle of Sedgmoor.

DAWLISH, to the relief perhaps of those not historically minded, is merely a lovely little seaside resort in the shape of a half-moon protected at the horns by red sandstone cliffs. The stream flowing into the town, crossed by artistic bridges, is embellished with banks of green lawns and gardens to the place where it flows into the Channel. Merely a seaside resort, peaceful and beautiful, but the superior of a hundred others in its natural beauty and quietude.

TEIGNMOUTH, on the other hand, while double the population and seemingly a modern town, is really an ancient port of considerable importance in the Elizabethan times. When one realizes that 200 years before that era it was burnt by French pirates one realizes how deceptive appearances are.



The Gardens, Torquay

TORQUAY, with a population of 40,000, situated in a vast bay, has the natural advantages from an artistic standpoint of, at times, abrupt elevation, thickly studded with trees and imposing residences. The beautiful downs of Babbacombe command from their height a wonderful view of the English Channel, whilst in Anstey's Cove nearby, the nightingale has been heard in full melody. Kent's Cavern, on view to the public at a nominal price, has generously donated to the Museum, an all too little known feature of Torquay, many invaluable relics in the shape of teeth of the sabre-toothed tiger and other prehistoric animals, whilst some of the implements found there are conjectured to be those of humanity in the Ice Age.

PORTSMOUTH (172 miles)—13

Route.—BATH, DEVIZES, ANDOVER, WINCHESTER, PORTSMOUTH, FAREHAM, ROMSEY, WARMINSTER, BATH.

ANDOVER may be described as a delightful old town and a haven of rest. Undoubtedly the early Roman conquerors of Britain extended their operations here, as the Cirencester-Winchester road was in striking distance. Far older are the barrows on Danbury Hill, which name suggests the Danish incursions and forays from their established bases in Somerset.

WINCHESTER is naturally famous for its Cathedral and its antiquity dating back to Roman times makes this county town a favourite as a residence for lovers of history. King Alfred, William of Wykeham and other old and honoured names will always be associated with Winchester, or "Venta Belgarum" as the Romans named the settlement they conquered and made into a fortified camp.

PORTSMOUTH is, of course, a great naval base and its military barracks are of considerable importance. To the "new army" stationed there for training, especially for artillery, the town will be unrecognized

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except as "Pompey." Here one can step on the oaken decks which saw Lord Nelson stricken down in the moment of victory in Trafalgar Bay. The brilliant Stuart favourite, the Duke of Buckingham, was murdered in 1628 here by a naval officer named Felton, probably not without reasons which to-day we would term patriotic.

SOUTHSEA, a large and growing suburb, can be termed the pleasure side of this important Naval Base, confronting the charming views of the Isle of Wight. Many naval officers are benefited by the proximity of such a pleasant seaside resort wherein to bring their wives and families.

ROMSEY can boast with visible proof of a very high standard of civic pride, chronicled in the sixteenth century when its people bought the old Abbey for their Parish Church.

WALES & TINTERN ABBEY (148 miles)—14

Route.—GLOUCESTER, ROSS, MONMOUTH, TINTERN, CHEPSTOW, LYDNEY, NEWNHAM, WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, BATH.

This tour, emerging from Gloucestershire into the loveliest Welsh scenery, makes one realize as nothing else can the remarkable advantages of Bath as a centre from which the most striking beauty of England and Wales are easily reached and explored in a day.

GLOUCESTER we have explored even if insufficiently, now we once more renew and perfect our acquaintance. The unequalled beauties of the Wye Valley lie before us, and with Ross-on-Wye we begin anew. Ross, from the Prospect, on a smaller but far more beautiful scale, resembles some of the stretches of the Mississippi Valley. Its verdure and fairy tints of green in the foliage of woodlands far surpasses even the bends

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of the Mississippi. Its handsome church, from the tower of which a commanding view can be obtained, embraces the thousand-year-old oak on the other side of the river.

WHITCHURCH, a few miles from Ross, gives us mountain scenery, missing up to now, and the town possesses the old church of St. Dobricius, containing interesting tombs.

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MONMOUTH, a few miles on, was penetrated by our Roman conquerors and by them called Blestium, a name understandable from its wonderful situation amidst the hills. Henry V was born in Monmouth Castle, but ruins only mark the site.

TINTERN ABBEY, one of the first Cistercian Abbeys founded in Britain, is one of the best preserved ruins known: it was founded 800 years ago and one can well understand the mentality of the old monks in their selection of a site where Nature at her best assisted their devotions.

CHEPSTOW, as might be expected for a town exposed to raids from both land and sea, is still a walled city to some extent, and the Welsh forays in Norman times were so feared that ten round towers and a strong castle were built by FitzOsborn a relative of William the Conqueror. Heavily wooded from heights to vale, the Wye is a river of great breadth in places; the views on all sides are beautiful and varied in the extreme.

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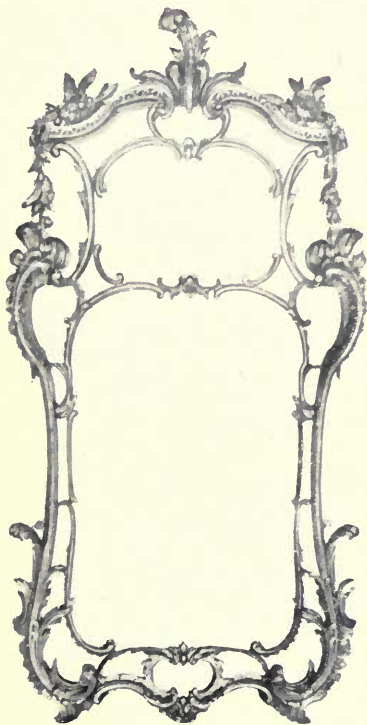
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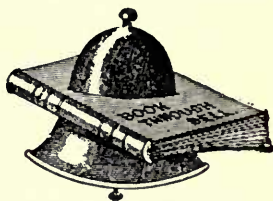
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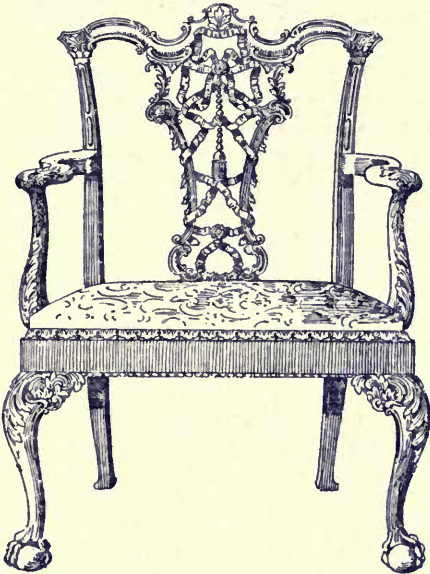


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